

# FALL 2023

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Programs and activities  
for all ages

✓  
Wide variety of facility  
rentals

✓  
Over 30 parks all  
around town

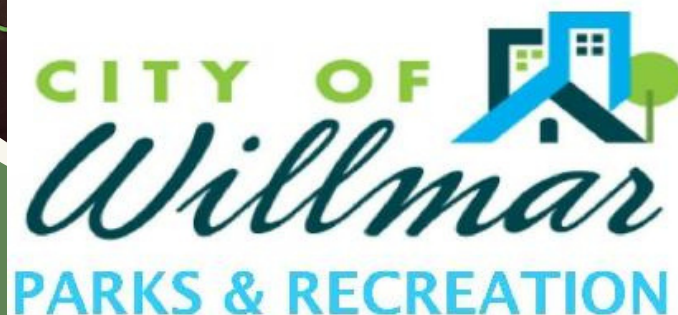


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📍 2707 Arena Dr  
Willmar, MN 56201

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# Willmar Parks & Recreation Mission Statement

The Willmar Parks & Recreation Department is committed to the development and maintenance of robust parks and trail systems. With a wide variety of quality year-round recreational programs and activities for all ages. Our aim is to help provide opportunities for all ages; from nature to athletics, there is something for everyone.

## Instructor Spotlight

**TORRIE HEITZMAN IS A RECREATION AND HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASTICS COACH IN WILLMAR. BEFORE MOVING TO THE AREA IN 2022, SHE COMPETED IN MULTIPLE STATE TOURNAMENTS AND FOR THE GUSTAVUS GYMNASTICS TEAM. SHE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT THE GROWTH OF ATHLETES PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY AND EMOTIONALLY AT ALL LEVELS OF GYMNASTICS.**



**TORRIE HEITZMAN**



# EVENTS & RECREATION *Center*

## RENT WITH US



### *Gym*

Rent the multipurpose gym for your event! The gym has the capability of 2 full-size basketball courts, 2 full-size volleyball courts, 2 full-size tennis courts, and 8 pickleball courts.



### *Community Room*

Rent the community room for your meeting, event and more! The room is equipped with a high-quality smart tv and sound system. Tables and chairs are provided for a capacity of 30.



### *Meeting Room*

There are 2 meeting rooms that can be separated by a partition or used as one big room. Also equipped with a high quality smart tv and sound system, these rooms are perfect for your event!



**CONTACT US**

**320.235.1454**

2707 Arena Dr  
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# RENT Shelters

4 SEASON  
SHELTER

## ROBBINS ISLAND & RICE PARK



RICE PARK



GURI SHELTER



SHELTER 1



SHELTER 2

### RENTAL INCLUDES:

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full day rentals, tables and chairs provided, electricity in all shelters. Each shelter has different amenities and pricing, so please check online while you are booking.

2024 Rentals will open January 2, 2024. If you want to book January-April please call.



HILLTOP SHELTER

FOR BOOKINGS CONTACT US:



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# **Saturday Sports Sampler**

**Our sports sampler program is a fun and relaxed way for kids to learn a number of sports and games such as baseball, soccer, and more! For ages 2- 12. We will focus on some traditional sports and pickleball.**

**Saturdays, October 14-November  
11-No program October 28**

**Ages 2-5: 9-9:45AM**

**Ages 6-12: 10-10:45AM**

**\$25**

**Willmar Events & Recreation  
Center**



# Gymnastics

## Beginner

Open to athletes ages 4 - 7, this class will introduce athletes to beginner gymnastics movements on each event. Athletes will develop strength, flexibility and body awareness throughout the class.

September, Mondays 9/11-9/25	\$35	5-5:50PM
October, Mondays 10/9-10/23	\$35	Willmar Senior
November, Mondays 11/6-11/20	\$35	High School

## Intermediate

This course is for athletes ages 5 and up that can currently do a handstand and cartwheel on the floor and pull over on the bars. Gymnasts in this class will work back hip circle and squat-on on bars, bridge kick over, back walkover and round off on floor, and jumps and turns on beam.

September, Mondays 9/11-9/25	\$35	6-6:50PM
October, Mondays 10/9-10/23	\$35	Willmar Senior
November, Mondays 11/6-11/20	\$35	High School

## Advanced

This course is for athletes ages 5 and up that can do a backwalkover independently on the floor. In this class athletes will work skills such as kips, flyaways, back handsprings, back tucks, etc.

September, Wednesdays, 9/13-9/27	\$45	4:45-6PM
October, Wednesdays, 10/11-10/25	\$45	Willmar Senior
		High School

## Tramp & Tumble

This course is for any athletes ages 5 and up who would like to learn tumbling skills for gymnastics and other sports (wrestling, dance, etc). Athletes will work to master handstands, cartwheels, back handsprings, front flips & back flips. This class will not include traditional gymnastics events.

September, Wednesdays, 9/13-9/27	\$45	6:10-7PM
October, Wednesdays, 10/11-10/25	\$45	Willmar Senior
		High School



# **Little Cardinal Youth Basketball**

**Join the Varsity Cardinal  
Basketball staff and players  
for this 4 week basketball  
experience. Learn skills and  
play modified games that  
accommodate each age  
level.**

**Boys & Girls Grades K-6  
Saturdays, October 21, 28,  
November 4 & 11**

**Grades K-2: 9-10AM**

**Grades 3-6: 10:15-11:45AM**

**Willmar Senior High School**

**\$35**



# **HYPE Workout Fall Shoot Out**

Keep your momentum going from summer training as you prepare for your upcoming season. This session will focus on establishing foundational shooting techniques that will help players perfect their shot through intense, repetitive drills that lock the necessary shooting technique into the player's muscle memory. This will enable the athlete to execute proper fundamentally-sound shooting mechanics that will allow them to become more confident and consistent shooters.

This session will also cover topics such as understanding shooting percentages and identifying a personal shooting range that will help players learn to take better shots in a game.

Each player will complete a total of 500 shots during each session. Players that complete 2,000 shots or more at the end of the session will earn a HYPE Basketball T-Shirt.

\*Athletes should have 1-2 years of competitive basketball experience and should be able to successfully demonstrate basic fundamental skills such as dribbling, passing, and shooting.

Players should bring their own ball to each workout.

**Sundays, September 3, 10, 17 & 24**

**5th & 6th Grade Girls: 12-1:15PM**

**7th-9th Grade Girls: 1:15-2:30PM**

**Willmar Events and Recreation Center**

**\$75**



# HYPE Workouts & Bearcat Mindset Coaching Season Primer

Get a head start on your goals by preparing both your body and mind for your upcoming basketball season. Each session includes one hour of skill enhancement workouts followed by an hour of mindset coaching & development.

## HYPE Skill Enhancement Workout

The skills portion of each workout will work athletes through a variety of drills that focus primarily on improving their court confidence through ball handling and overall shot development. Players will work through game speed reps that will help them develop proper form and footwork to help them prepare for their upcoming season.

## Bearcat Mindset Coaching

This October, enter the basketball season with a plan! Basketball season can get long and without a plan in place, you can lose your focus. Take advantage of this four-week session right before basketball season begins to get clear on what you want to accomplish, learn tools to handle challenges, and evaluate your game and the competition so you can help your team have the greatest success.

1. Understand the big picture for the season. What are your goals, what role do you want to have on your team and setting realistic expectations and targets.
2. Handling adversity on the court and off the court
3. Pregame preparation: Scouting reports, watching film, making adjustments
4. Post game evaluation: Learn to evaluate your team play, what you did well and can improve on individually and how to move forward.
5. Basketball IQ - Understanding different types of offenses and defenses

HYPE Workouts and Bearcat Coaching believe that all kids have the ability to be great. Kids have big dreams. Let's help them achieve them on and off the court.

\*Athletes should have 1-2 years of competitive basketball experience and should be able to successfully demonstrate basic fundamental skills such as dribbling, passing, and shooting. Players should bring their own ball to each workout.

**Mondays, October 2, 9, 16 & 23**

**5th-8th Grade Girls**

**6:30-8:30PM**

**Willmar Events and Recreation Center**

**\$150**



# **Volleyball Camp**

**Coached by Sjea Anderson, former D1 beach volleyball player at Cal Poly for Coach Todd Rogers, our 2008 gold medalist in men's beach volleyball, kids will learn the skills and rules of volleyball by doing drills and playing fun games. At this camp, all levels are welcome as this is a positive and encouraging environment. We're here to get better and to learn. Hope to see you in the gym!**

**1st-3rd Grade Tuesdays,  
October 3-24**

**4th-6th Grade: Thursdays,  
October 5-26  
5:30-7PM**

**Willmar Events & Recreation  
Center  
\$80**



## Cardinal Wrestling Fall Clinic

This is a four-day clinic that is a FREE opportunity for students in grades K-5 to get an introduction to wrestling from the Cardinal Wrestling coaching staff and athletes. This is an entry level program, working on the basic skills and techniques that are necessary in wrestling. This is a great time to try wrestling at no cost! There will be a bus to transport students from the Elementary schools (Roosevelt, Kennedy, Lakeland) to the Senior High after school. Pre- registration is encouraged. Participants should wear gym attire.

**Monday-Thursday October 23-26**

**3:30-4:45PM**

**WHS Wrestling Room**

**Grades K-5**

**FREE**

## Early Bird Wrestling Practices

Join the Remind class to receive information and updates from the Youth wrestling coaches. <https://www.remind.com/join/youthcards>

Wrestlers will gain experience with the sport of wrestling. These practices are a great opportunity for beginner wrestlers to learn the fundamentals and prepare experienced wrestlers for the upcoming seasons. This class will conclude with an opportunity to compete at the Willmar Youth Classic in December.

**Grades K-5**

**Mondays, November 6-27, Thursday, December 7 &**

**Mondays, December 11 & 18**

**6-7:15PM**

**WHS Wrestling Room**

**\$26**



# **Youth Wrestling Season**

Join the Remind class to receive information and updates from the Youth wrestling coaches. <https://www.remind.com/join/youthcards>

**The youth wrestling season will start on Monday, January 8th and will run through the NYWA State tournament in April. Practices will be held at the Willmar Senior High in the wrestling room. Please wear gym attire. A detailed practice schedule is available on our webpage on the school district's website. Wrestlers enrolled in this class will gain experience and learn the basic techniques instructed in this Cardinal Wrestling Program. Students will be encouraged to compete when the athlete, parents and coaches feel it is appropriate. There will be no wrestling Monday, January 15th, and February 19th. There will be no practice Monday, January 15 and February 19. There is a \$30 singlet check deposit, and it will be returned at the end of the season when singlet is returned in good condition. There will be a home wrestling tournament, more details to come!**

**Grades K-2: 6-7:30PM Mondays January 8-March 18 \$46**

**Grades 3-5: 6-7:30PM Mondays & Thursdays January 8-March 21 \$66**

**Mondays, November 6-27, Thursday, December 7 & Mondays, December 11 & 18**

**6-7:15PM**

**WHS Wrestling Room**

**\$26**



# Youth Hockey

Tuesdays October 10 & 17 will be used as evaluation days to place players onto teams. Last names starting with an A-M will be on ice from 5-6pm and N-Z will be on ice from 6-7pm. Practices for each division will start on Tuesday, October 24th, and an email will be sent out in regards to what division your player is in.

Team practices will start Tuesday, October 24th through December 16th. Session 1 will conclude on December 16th.

Session 2 will start on January 2, 2024, and run through February 24th. The teams will be reorganized, and players may be moved up to a higher division.

**\$100/player-includes both sessions**

Equipment can be checked out with a \$100 refundable check. Equipment checkout will be October 3rd from 5-7pm.

Try Hockey for Free for the Lakes Area Hockey League. It will be Saturday September 30th from 10:00am – 12:00am at the Civic Center.

## **Learn To Skate-\$30**

This program is designed to teach participants the basics of Skating. Participants in this program will be learning through drills and games. They will focus on the basics of getting up, forward skating, stopping, edges, and turns. If they are learning at a fast pace, they are able to advance up to the skating and edge group sooner.

**Fridays 5:30-6:30**

## **Skating & Edgework-\$30**

This program is designed to teach participants about skating and edgework. Participants in this program should already know the basics of skating. Participants in this program will be skating with players in the Mascot division of Youth Hockey.

**Fridays 6:30-7:30**

## **McDonald's Mascot League**

**Tuesdays 4:30 - 5:15**

**Fridays 5:30 - 6:15**

**Saturdays 11:45**

## **Collegiate Division**

**Tuesdays 5:15 - 6:00**

**Fridays 6:15 - 7:00**

**Saturdays 10:45**

## **Pro Division**

**Tuesdays 6:15 - 7:15**

**Fridays 6:15-7:00**

**Saturdays 8:00, 9:15 (full-ice games)**

**\*\*All times subject to change**



# **High School Boys Intramural Basketball**

**Form a team of 6 players  
and register for intramural  
basketball! This program is  
for players in grades 9-12  
that are currently not on an  
organized basketball team.**

**Sundays, December 10- February 11  
6-8PM**

**Game/Practice times may vary  
Willmar Events & Recreation Center**

**\$30 a player**



# Open Curling

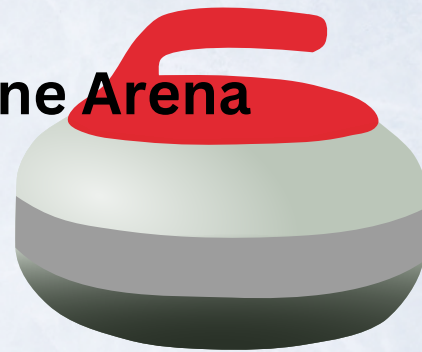
**Come and enjoy your lunch hour while curling!**

**Thursdays, November 16- March 14  
12-1PM**

**There will be no curling Thursdays, November  
23rd or December 28th**

**\$45**

**Willmar Civic Center Blue Line Arena**



# Open Skate

**Sundays, October 15- February 18  
6:30-8:30PM**

**Holiday Break Skating December 26-29  
11AM-1PM**

**\$3/person-Pay at door  
\$2 skate rental**

**No open skate December 24 or 31  
Willmar Civic Center Cardinal Arena**





# Open Tennis

Play tennis indoors during the winter months. This is a great opportunity to meet other tennis players and get some exercise during the cold months!

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**

**October 16- March 29**

**7:30-9:30AM**

**\$50 for the year starting January 2, 2024**

**Willmar Events & Recreation Center**

# Open Pickleball

Come and play pickleball indoors during those cold months!

**Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9:30AM-12PM**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays 8AM-12PM**

All days and times subject to change. Pickleball can only be played during scheduled pickleball times. Please check the calendar on RecDesk for other times.

**October 16-March 29**

**\$100 for the year starting January 2, 2024**

**Willmar Events & Recreation Center**





# OPEN EVENTS

# Movie Nights

Movie in the Gym: Enjoy free admission to a night in the gym with, open gym, bounce houses and a Halloween movie. Gym time starts at 6pm, movie will start at 7pm.

Friday, October 13

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Movie on Ice: Enjoy free admission to open skate and a Christmas movie. Skating starts at 6pm, movie will start at 7pm.

Friday, December 29

Civic Center Cardinal Arena





# **Learn to Play Pickleball Crash Course**

**Come join Randy Hall for two hours and learn all the basics of how to play pickleball. You will work on all fundamentals including groundstrokes, no volley zone, strokes, serving, positioning, dinking, and rules. You will be playing games in two hours.**

**Monday, October 2-9:30-11:30AM**

**Monday, October 2-6:30-8:30PM**

**Events & Recreation Center Court 1**

**\$15**

## **Pickleball in Motion**

**Come work on your pickleball skills and get your body moving with Randy Hall. You will run through a variety of pickleball drills and move to get your body moving and sweating. Any skill level is welcome. The instructor will have modifications for every movement.**

**Wednesdays, September 20-October 11**

**9:30-10:30AM**

**Events & Recreation Center Court 2**

**\$15**



# Volleyball

Get your team together and join the fun.

We will have three different leagues,  
Men's, Women's, and Co-Ed. Women's  
and Co-Ed will have 2 divisions, gold, and  
silver.

## Co-Ed

Monday Nights

November 13-February 26

\$330

Willmar Events & Recreation Center

## Men's

Tuesday Nights

December 12-March 7

\$330

Willmar Events & Recreation Center

## Women's

Thursday Nights

November 9-February 8

\$330

Willmar Events & Recreation Center



# **Men's Adult Hockey League**

**This league is designed for all levels of play. Single elimination playoffs. There is no fee for goalies, but please email [ajnelson@willmarmn.gov](mailto:ajnelson@willmarmn.gov) or call 320-235-1454 to register to play by October 11th. The registration deadline is October 11th.**

**Wednesdays, October 18-March 6**

**Game times vary**

**Willmar Civic Center Cardinal Arena**

**\$215 before October 1st**

**\$245 after October 1st**



# **Wednesday Basketball League**

**This is an 8- week season with 2 divisions of play, Gold and Silver. Played at the High School or the REC. Please make a note of which division you are registering for.**

**Registration deadline is  
December 11th**

**Wednesdays, December 13th-  
February 7th**

**Game times vary 6-10PM**

**Willmar Events & Recreation Center**

**\$470 before December 4th**

**\$525 after December 4th**



kind of a...



# **BIG DILL**

## **PICKLEBALL**

tournament

### **HERE'S THE DILL...**

**WHEN:**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH @ 8 A.M.

**WHERE:**

WILLMAR EVENTS CENTER

2707 Arena Dr  
Willmar, MN 56201

**SIGN UP:**

CONTACT ANITA NELSON

320-235-1454  
ajnelson@willmarmn.gov

**T-SHIRT INCLUDED!**

SIGN UP BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH



**MEN'S  
DOUBLES**

**WOMEN'S  
DOUBLES**

**MIXED  
DOUBLES**



# ADULT RECREATION



**Saturday, December 9th**

**Three Divisions: 2.0-3.0/ 3.5/ 4.0 & Up**

**Pool Play, USPA Rules**

**Women's Doubles**

**Men's Doubles**

**Mixed Doubles**

**Willmar Events & Recreation Center**

**\$35/Team**

# Backyard Games

**Fun is what backyard games is all about! Come to Miller Park and toss some bean bags, learn the game of bocce ball or play ladder golf. Participant care providers are encouraged to stay and help.**

**Tuesdays, September 12th-**

**October 3rd**

**6:15-7:15PM**

**Miller Park**

**\$15**





# **Youth & Adaptive Curling**

**All abilities are encouraged to  
try the age-old sport of curling  
in this adaptive setting.**

**Thursdays, December 7th-  
March 7th  
4-5PM**

**No Curling Thursday, December  
28th**

**\$3/person per day pay at door  
Willmar Civic Center Blue Line  
Arena**



# Woodshop

**Looking for a place to make items from wood, do wood carvings, joinery, carpentry, and woodturning? Check out the Community Center Wood shop!**

**Memberships start at \$70.00/year.  
Daily pass for \$10.00**

**Open Monday-Friday 8:00A-4:30P  
Saturday Morning (occurs 1st & 3rd of month) 8A-12P  
(Call by Thursday ahead to reserve)**

## Lutheran Social Service Dining Program

**Meet new friends while enjoying a hot and nutritious lunch at the Willmar Community Center.**

**Lunch is available for curbside pick-up or dine- in  
Monday-Friday between 11:30a-12:30p  
Please call to order your meal and reserve your spot at  
320-262-5288 by noon the day before.**

**This program is for those who are 60 years and up.  
A \$5.00 contribution for each meal is suggested.**

**For meal menus, visit [www.willmarmn.gov](http://www.willmarmn.gov) and click on  
Community Center or find Willmar Community Center  
on Facebook.**

**Monday-Friday  
11:30AM-12:30PM**





# **Live Entertainment Wednesdays**

**The Willmar Senior Club invites you to come and enjoy some classic tunes with them! Put on your toe tappin' shoes for an afternoon of music! Refreshments to follow. See activity schedule for performance schedule.**

**Wednesdays**

**2:30PM**

**Willmar Community Center**

**\$2**

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## **Afternoon of Dancing!**

**The Willmar Senior Club invite you to come enjoy a live band and dance the afternoon away to classic tunes. Sit and enjoy the music or dance all afternoon. Refreshments will be served.**

**Fridays**

**1-4PM**

**Willmar Community Center**

**\$2 Non-Dancers \$7-Dancers**

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## **ELKS Sheltered Workshop Dances**

**Monthly dances held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 6:30p-8:30 These dances are for Sheltered homes in the area.**

**DJ music provided by Jason Christianson!**

**Concessions will be available for \$1.00. No cover fee.**

**Questions? Call the Willmar Community Center at 320-262-5288.**

# **Card Playing Days**

**Whether you are a card shark or just wanting to learn,  
come spend an afternoon meeting others, having fun  
and playing cards.**

**Mondays-Bridge  
Tuesday/Thursdays-Hand & Foot  
Wednesday- Cribbage  
Wednesdays/Fridays-Whist  
12:30-4PM  
Willmar Community Center  
Free**

## **Cribbage Corner**

**Join us Wednesdays for some Cribbage fun!  
Wednesdays | 12:30 pm  
FREE!**

**Boards and cards provided for participants! You are able to  
bring your own board if you would like!**

**WANTED: Mah Jong players!  
Call 262-5288 if you want to play with us!**

## **Community Bingo Nights**

**Come out for some bingo fun!  
Win prizes! Make Friends! Have fun!  
\$3.00 per person- 2 cards at a time  
4th Tuesday of the month  
5 pm to 7 pm**



# **Aging Wisely**

**Finding "new" Confidence & Purpose.**

**Join us for sharing and learning to make the most of the challenges of aging with a renewed purpose!**

**Topics:**

- Discussing aging concerns
- Eating more healthy foods
- Experiencing and expressing more joy!
- Promoting safety at home
  - Decluttering
- Family Discussions
- Moving

**Reasons to attend:**

- To socialize
- To learn
- For support
- & for resources

**1st Thursday of the month**

**1:30-3:30PM**

**Upcoming Speakers:**

**Sept. 7: Riley Bust Tours**

**Oct. 5: Mr. B's Chocolates (onsite tour)**

**Nov. 2: Jen Swenson, Prairie Lakes Environment Center**

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## **Willmar Area Senior Club**

**The Willmar Area Seniors Club has several activities for enjoyment. From live music, games and cards, and seasonal parties. We, of course, enjoy socializing and coffee time with others. This club is a great way to stay involved, meet new people, and enjoy an afternoon with friends!**

**We encourage you to join us!**

**Wednesday Meetings**

**2-3PM**

**Willmar Community Center**

**Membership: \$15/year, \$10 yearly dues**

# Drive-Thru and Treat

at the  
Willmar Community Center!

**We want to see your best costumes  
come through our drive-up event!**

**When: Sat., Oct 28**

**Time: 3:00-5:00p**

**Willmar Community Center Canopy  
Free!**

**All ages (& pets) welcome!**

**Come drive-thru & treat at  
the  
Willmar Community Center  
this Halloween!**



**624 hwy 71, Willmar  
320-262-5288**





# Community Crafts

Unleash your creative side with our craft programs offered throughout each month! Crafts are able to meet the levels of all craft skills! Check our Facebook page or website for more information. See activity calendar.

**Willmar Community Center**

**Cost Varies**

**Register in advance at 320-262-5288**

## House Number Plaques

Create an updated look on the front of your house or cabin with these house number plaques! Made to order.

Call or email Britta at

[bdiem@willmarmn.gov](mailto:bdiem@willmarmn.gov) the following:

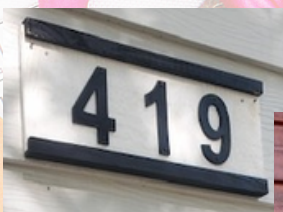
House #s:

Trim Color (Brown, black, natural wood):

Vertical or horizontal:

Cost: \$14

Orders accepted from Sept. 1- Nov. 1.



## Puzzle Art

Create a letter art or a fall tree out of puzzle pieces!

When: Tues., Sept 12

Time: 4:00p

Cost: \$10.00

**\*\*Must specify choice when registering by Fri., Sept. 8 @ 4:00p**





# Community Crafts

**Look for these projects to do with us this Summer!**

**Call or visit our Facebook page for more information  
at 320-262-5288**

## Cork Orb

**Let's make art with corks!  
Create this funky shaped orb out of  
wine corks with us!**

**When: Thurs., Sept 28**

**Time: 2:00p**

**Cost: 1 for \$6 or 2 for \$10**



## Fall Lantern

**Create a spooky, or cozy fall themed  
lantern jar!**

**Sept. 11 @ 4:00p**

**Cost: \$10.00**

## Wire Bead Pumpkin

**Create this wooden pumpkin from  
beads! Add your own decorative touch!**

**Tues., Oct 10 @ 2:30p**

**Cost: \$13.00**





# Community Crafts

Call or visit our Facebook page for more information  
at 320-262-5288



## Crow & Cats!

Are you a Cat person or more of a Crow person? Or maybe both!?! Crafters will be making a set of 2 and must specify crow or cat when registering

Friday, Oct 13 @ 4:30p  
Cost: \$20.00/set of 2

## Mason Jar Bird Feeder

Create a personal bird feeder, complete with a perch and all! In this class, we will decorate our feeder, create a food to go in it, and leave with a waiting neighborhood of hungry birds!



Tues., Oct 17 @ 4:00p  
Cost: \$10.00



## Un-Bear-able Boards!

Welcome the chilly temps in with these cute bear decorations!  
Coming in November!  
Cost: Set of 2 for \$30.00  
Single for \$16.00

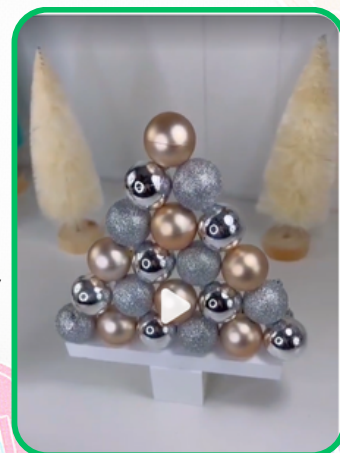


# Community Crafts

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at 320-262-5288

## Ornament Tree

Piece together ornaments to make this  
vibrant holiday decoration!  
Coming in December  
Cost: \$13.00



## Wooden Rudolph

Let's make this cute Rudolph to display  
and help Santa find your home!  
Coming in December  
Cost: \$8.00



COMING SOON:

## ***HOLIDAY CRAFT KITS***



Holiday Craft Kits will be back in the month of December!

These kits make are a great way to spend time with family and friends this holiday season!

KITS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP FROM 9:00A- 4:30P ON THURSDAYS IN DECEMBER.  
WATCH FOR ANNOUNCING OF OUR KITS THIS FALL!  
BE SURE TO RESERVE KITS IN ADVANCE!

Call  
262-5288 to  
pre-order kits  
today!



**Craft Dates:**  
*Dec., 7*  
*Dec., 14*  
*Dec., 21*  
*Dec., 28*





# Community Kitchen

Join us as we get creative in the kitchen with recipes to use in your home!

Call 262-5288 for class information

**Sept 20 @ 4:00p:**

Loukoumades- Greek Honey Donuts

These are bite-sized desserts that are fried, soaked in syrup, and dusted with cinnamon or powdered sugar. Their origin could be Greek, but they're popular all over the world.

Cost: \$10.00

**October 24 @ 3:30p**

Homemade Noodles and Chicken Soup mix

We will learn how to make homemade noodles that will be tasty in our fresh Chicken Noodle Soup mix! Serves 4.

Cost: \$15.00

**\*\*November**

Fresh Peach Cobbler

Let's create a warm, tasty treat that will be perfect at our upcoming holiday gatherings! A warm mixture of sweetened, juicy peaches is topped with a biscuit-like dough and sprinkled in cinnamon sugar.

**\*\*January** Soup 2 Go!

Soup 2 Go is back! We will be mixing up 2 varieties of soups, where you simply just need to add water or broth! Great for cold, winter nights!

**\*\*Dates for classes yet to be determined, please call for more information\*\***



# Community Kitchen: KIDS!

**Let's get creative in the kitchen!**

**We invite youth ages 4-14 to join us to make fun simple suppers & snacks!**

Kids in the kitchen will learn simple measuring basics, safe treats to make if home alone, and get creative in the kitchen!

Each session kids will make 2 different recipes to make and information to take home!



**September Date: 21st**  
**October Dates: 5th & 19th**  
**November Dates: 7 & 16th**  
**December Dates: 7th & 21st**

**3:45-5:00p**

**Individual classes cost \$14.00**  
**5 class punch card cost \$ 60.00**



**You must register by the Tuesday before class!**

**Call 262-5288 for class information**

## SAIL Exercise Class

**The SAIL (Staying Active & Independent for Life) program relies upon weight training and balance exercises to protect against fractures cause by osteoporosis by increasing muscular strength, balance and bone density. All skill levels welcome.**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**10:15-11:15AM**

**Willmar Community Center**

**Free**



# Community @ Kids

**GREAT FOR  
KIDS 4-10**



**Join us on the following Thursdays from  
3:45-5:00p at the Willmar Community  
Center!**

**Community Center Kids will enjoy an  
afternoon of crafts, science, fitness and  
games! Each month will consist of a  
different themed with activities and snacks!**

**\*\*After school snack will be provided\*\***

**Age: 4-10 years old  
Cost: \$10.00/session**

**Fall Dates:  
September: 14th & 28th  
October: 12th & 26th  
November: 9th & 30th**



**Any questions please contact the community center at 262-5288 or contact Britta at [bdiem@willmarmn.gov](mailto:bdiem@willmarmn.gov)**

## Karaoke Nights!

**Come jam to your favorite hits (old & new)  
with us every 1st Monday of the month!**

**All ages welcome!**

**Refreshments provided!**

**\$3.00**

**5:00-7:00p**





# **Veteran's Coffee Social**



Informal coffee gathering with others who have served our country both in times of war and peace. Military service required. Spouses are welcome. Extended invitation to all firefighters, police officers, and rescue squad members.

**1st & 3rd Mondays of each month**

**9:30-11AM**

**Willmar Community Center**

**Free**

# **Veteran's Coffee Cruise Social**

**We are taking our socials to the lake!**

**Meet us at the Zorbaz Boat Landing in Spicer as we take off for a fun morning cruise filled with coffee, rolls, conversation, and great Fall views! Space is limited, be sure to reserve!**

**MUST call 262-5288 to reserve your spot (spouses welcome)**

**Monday, Sept. 11**

**Departs @ 9:30a**

**Free**

# **Puzzle Exchange Program**

**Check out a puzzle from our exchange bins! A wide variety of pieces, sizes and difficulty!**

**Monday-Friday**

**8AM-4:30PM**

**Willmar Community Center**

**FREE**



# **Drum Circle**

**Join us weekly for drumming sessions!  
Great way to release stress, tension, and create rhythms with others!  
All abilities, ages, and cultures welcome!  
No experience needed.  
Get in touch with your inner rhythm!**

**Wednesdays from 5p-6p  
Donations collected to support Purpose Artisans.**

**Questions? Contact John or Nicole at [purposeartisans@gmail.com](mailto:purposeartisans@gmail.com)**

# **Check Mates Chess Club**

**A club where you can improve your chess skills, learn  
more about games and meet other chess enthusiasts.**

**Mondays 6-8PM  
Free! All Ages and skills welcome!  
Willmar Community Center**

# **West Central Connection Chorus/Barbershop**

**Love to sing? The West Central Connection Chorus is a men's a  
cappella chorus that comes together in harmony and enrich lives  
through singing!**

**Rehearsals are Mondays @ 7:00p**

**You are encouraged to come if interested!**



# Jolly Twirlers Square Dance Club:

## LESSONS:

Regular lessons of the Jolly Twirlers Square Dance Club, which meets every Tuesday night (EXCEPT The 2nd Tuesday of month) at the Community Center to practice and teach newcomers the proper way to "do-si-do."

With an age range of kids in the single-digits and seniors in their 80s, experienced Jolly Twirlers dancers — called angels — serve as mentors to the newbies as they learn the different square dance "calls."

Lessons: Adults: \$5.00, Students \$3.00  
6:30p-9:00p

## DANCES:

Regular Dances of the Jolly Twirlers Square Dance Club, takes place on the Third Saturday night at the Community Center to "do-si-do."

Come put your boots to the test and have fun with us!

Dances: Adults: \$7.00, Students \$5.00  
7:00p-9:30p

Questions? Call 262-5288  
Barb-320-235-8321

## Community Center Book Club

Feel free to start this reading with us at anytime! Mark your calendars to join us on the fourth Monday of the month @ 3:30p to discuss and select next months book!

Free!

Sept. 25, Oct. 30, Nov. 27

Questions? Call 262-5288





# **West Central Singers**

**The West Central Singers is an adult mixed chorus based in Willmar, MN with members from the Willmar Area, as well as surrounding area. Members are given the opportunity to use their vocal talents by rehearsing and performing a wide variety of rich SATB choral selections.**

**Rehearsals for the Fall season will begin on August 31 at 6:30p and continue on Thursdays through Nov. Concerts will be on Saturday/Sunday, Nov. 18 & 19.**

**If you are interested in joining, please come to rehearsal time! For more information contact the West Central Singers at 320-905-6576 or at [westcentralsingers@gmail.com](mailto:westcentralsingers@gmail.com)**

## **SWING DANCING NIGHTS!**

**Grab your jitterbugs & come swing dance today! Come with a partner or find someone new to dance with in the class!**

**Travel through the eras of swing, as Madison teaches you the many different food swing dancing!**

**All people & skill levels welcome!**

**Wednesdays**

**September 13-November 15**

**7-8p**

**Cost \$20/session or 5 class punch card for \$80.00**

**Instructor: Madison Stoeberl**

**Willmar community center**

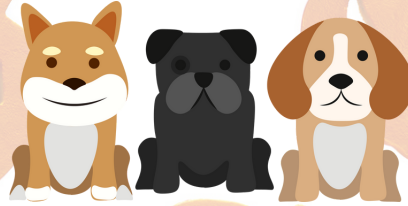
**Call 262-5288 to register**





**HALLOWEEN**

# Doggy's Day Out!



**Come bring your fury friend out for a Halloween themed party at the Community Center!**

**We will burn off some steam in our obstacle course, test out some easy to make games, and mingling with other pups!**

**After a good play time, will take a snack break to enjoy a tasty treat, while the humans make a game for pups, & end our outing with a relaxing puppy massage with K9-Oasis!**

**There will be a costume contest, and other Halloween Themed activities!**

**Costume  
contest!**

**Bobbing  
for hot  
dogs!**

**Saturday, Oct. 28**

**Drop in when you can between 12:00-2:00p**

**Register in advance at 320-262-5288**

**Cost: \$10.00**

**\*Pups must remain with owner on leash throughout event\***

**\*Pups must be 6 months of age\***

**\*Must register in advance\***

**Prize  
drawing!**

**Tricks  
for  
treats!**

**Yummy  
pumpkin  
treats!**



**All owners must provide proof of vaccinations, no female does in heat will be allowed. Aggression will not be tolerated. Owners must clean up after their dog and are encouraged to play as well. Water will be available. The City is not responsible for any injuries that could take place within facility.**



# **Community Thread Studio**

**Do you have questions about your sewing machine?**

**Have a crinkle in your stitch?**

**Bring your questions to us as we would love to help!**

**Group meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month!**

**Time: 2:00p-4:00p**

**Cost: \$5.00/class**

## **Supplies Needed Before First Class:**

**Fabric: 3/4yd & 1/3 yd (band) Cotton or cotton-poly, wash before hand, must be 45 in wide**

**All-purpose thread- Color of choice!**

**Cutting Shears**

**\*Supplies can be found at Hobby Lobby or JoAnn Fabrics! \***

# **Amatuer Pool Leauge**

**Have a great time, playing pool, meeting new people, and improving your game!**

**This league is great for ages 15 and up, all skill levels welcome! Room for 8 teams!**

**Can register as an individual to be paired with a teammate, or register in a pair!**

**Cost: \$15.00/person (\$30.00/team)**

**Matches are on Wednesdays from 4-8pm**

**Sept 21- Nov. 22**

**Guaranteed 1 match a week!**



# Willmar Area Senior Club Fall Bazaar

Saturday, Oct. 7

**Vendors!  
Bake Sale!**

**Silent Auction!**

**Granny's Attic!**

**Lunch!  
& MORE!**

**8a-1p**



Vendor spots are available,  
contact Ken at 320-894-1043!



## Holiday Boutique VENDORS WANTED!

**WHEN: SAT., DEC. 2, 2023**

**TIME: 10A-3P**

**WHAT: HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE SALE!**

**WHERE: WILLMAR COMMUNITY CENTER**

**COST: ONE VENDOR SPOT IS \$25.00 AND INCLUDES  
9FT X 8 FT SPACE, 1 6FT TABLE; EACH ADDITIONAL  
SPOT IS \$15.00**

**ONLY 35 VENDOR SPOTS AVAILABLE!!**

Contact Britta at [bdiem@willmarmn.gov](mailto:bdiem@willmarmn.gov) for registration form  
and for more information!





# Rent the Willmar Community Center



**Looking for a space to hold your next event?  
The Willmar Community Center is the perfect venue!**

**Great for holding: Family reunions, birthday parties,  
wedding receptions, graduation parties, company meetings  
and trainings, and bridal/baby showers!**

**Contact us today to make your reservation at  
262-5288 or [bdiem@willmarmn.gov](mailto:bdiem@willmarmn.gov)**

## **Willmar Community Center**

### **Facility rates:**

**Sunshine room (holds 30 people): \$75 (+\$30/hour staff)**

**Burlington Northern/Selvig Rooms: \$125 (+\$30/hour staff)**

## **Stay update with events at the Community Center!**



**Sign up for our monthly emails by contacting  
Britta at [bdiem@willmarmn.gov](mailto:bdiem@willmarmn.gov)!**



**Follow us on Facebook for updates on  
upcoming events and programs!**



# Little Art Gallery



Little Art Gallery- Willmar are little gallery boxes that will be placed throughout the city of Willmar. This program will be free for participants to submit their art creations to the Willmar Community Center staff, who will then create displays throughout the month following a fun theme in galleries placed around Willmar! Participants of all ages can join in the art gallery displays, and costs would be kept to a minimum to serve all of the Community of Willmar.

## What is The Little Art Gallery?:

The Little Art Gallery is an inclusive art project hosted by the Willmar Community Center. We hope that creatives of all ages and backgrounds in the community will explore their creative skills and use these galleries to express their talents! The Little Art Gallery Program strives to create community connections, inclusion and engagement towards creating different art! We encourage artists to use any art medium that will fit in our 12"x20" gallery!

Interested in contributing to the Galleries?

Contact the Community Center at 320-262-5288!



## Gallery Box Locations:

- Robbins Island
- Willmar Public Library
- Ridgewater College
- Swansson Field Complex (2)
- Bethesda Willmar
- \*\*NEW\*\*** Lulu Beans

**Interested in hosting a Little Art Session at your company/organization?**

We would love to host an art session with you! This free event is great for team building, a break from the office, or a way to let out your creative side with others!

Send inquires to [bdiem@willmarmn.gov](mailto:bdiem@willmarmn.gov)